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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" The answer to (*c*) is 'The Police.' The police of what place ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The police of the Kistna district."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the District Magistrates have not instructions to refer to the Government in certain cases before they apply section 108 to political offences ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" In view of the suggestion that the interference of the police is more likely to disturb public peace, will he be pleased to make enquiries in the case and issue such orders as he thinks fit ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Arrest of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti.

* 1723-B *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what place in Bezwada Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti was arrested ;

(*b*) at what time ;

(*c*) whether any ladies were with him at the time ;

(*d*) if so, whether any arrangement was made to convey them to their destination or whether they were given any assistance to reach home ;

(*e*) whether any warrant was shown to Mr. Sambamurti, when he was arrested ;

(*f*) by whom such warrant was issued ;

(*g*) under what section or sections he was arrested ; and

(*h*) whether Mr. Sambamurti was taking prominent part in the boycott of the Indian Statutory Commission at Madras ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*h*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know when this information was called for ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" On the 8th March ; as soon as we knew that judgment was delivered."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the District Magistrate of Kistna has any jurisdiction in view of the fact that there is no speech delivered by Mr. Sambamurti in Kistna district ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Home Member is prepared to issue instructions to the District Magistrates that before they apply section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, in political cases they might consult the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall have to consider the suggestion, Sir."